

MAY BE GIVEN  
PASSPORTSAmbassador Choate's  
Position Uncertain.

## MIXED IN ENGLISH POLITICS

Followers of Joseph Chamberlain Think  
He Has Displayed Doubtful  
Propriety.

London, Oct. 31.—Many adherents of former Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's preferential tariff scheme are greatly annoyed at Ambassador Choate's recent address, in which he quoted Benjamin Franklin as saying that any policy which sought aid either of the mother country or the colonies at each other's expense was partial, unjust and mischievous. It seems that free traders are using the quotation most effectively in their campaign against Chamberlain's scheme, saying it is having additional weight coming from Choate.

Chamberlain's followers, on the other hand, think it was doubtful propriety on Choate's part to refer to any way English tariff discussion and recall the Sackville-West incident. This occurred when Cleveland was running the second time. A former English subject became a naturalized citizen of that country wrote Lord Sackville-West, the British minister at Washington, who to vote for West replied to oppose Cleveland's free trade idea. The matter became public and Lord Sackville-West was given passports. It is intimated the same may occur to Choate.

## HE CHARGES LAXITY.

## H. A. Castle Retires From Post Office Department.

Washington, Oct. 31.—H. A. Castle, auditor in the post office department, who is soon to retire because of the criticism of his department growing out of the recent investigation, delivered a caustic valedictory today from the annual report, which arraigns the lax administration methods employed by the department which in effect holds the postmaster general largely accountable for the recent scandals.

In criticizing the methods of accounting through congressional action, he points out where over \$40,000,000 has been and is being paid out upon mere certainties without check or review. He says there is no account kept by the auditor of postage stamps, stamped paper and envelopes, etc., nor is there between department and manufacturers or contractors for furnishing such paper.

He says the account would be a fundamental corrective check upon substantially the whole of the revenues of the post office department, amounting to ninety millions. He scores the president for inaction when the matters were called to his attention.

SEVEN KILLED  
IN A TRAIN WRECKSpecial on Big Four Road Bearing Stu-  
dents to Foot Ball Game, Crashed  
Into Gravel Train.

Indianapolis, Oct. 31.—In a wreck on the Big Four railroad in this city this morning, five Purdue students coming here to play foot ball and two others were killed. Eighteen were injured.

The train was bearing 1,300 students and friends, and crashed into a freight engine at Holton Place. Seven were killed outright. It is believed four others are dead under the first car.

For two blocks the injured are lying along the track, screaming with pain. The accident happened at a point on the Big Four where it turns a sharp curve. The gravel train did not know the special train orders and was hurrying north. Both were going twenty miles an hour when the collision came.

## ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.

## Would Be Robbers in Sheldon Frightened Away.

Sheldon, Oct. 30.—An attempt was made last night to break into the store of W. C. Marsh. The burglars first tried to pry the front door open with a bar. Failing in this they bored a hole in the side door large enough to allow the insertion of a man's hand to unfasten the latch. When the piece cut out fell on the floor, it aroused the clerk, Cephas Fairbanks, who asked what was wanted. This frightened the miscreants away. Both doors were fastened with wooden bars. The burglars next tried to break through the side door before they went to W. C. Marsh's, as they had split off a piece from the side door there.

## Grocery Trust Dissolved.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 31.—Consolidated Grocers of America, with stores in Peoria, Chicago, St. Paul, Des Moines and Galesburg, have ceased business. The action is voluntary. There have been no legal proceedings.

## Professor Mommson Stricken.

Berlin, Oct. 31.—Professor Mommson, the historian, who was born in 1817, has suffered a severe apoplectic stroke. He is unconscious, his left side is paralyzed, and there is little hope for his recovery.

## MAY COME TO VERMONT.

George E. Whitney of Enfield, N. H., Contemplates Move.

Concord, N. H., Oct. 30.—A report current today that the Hon. George E. Whitney of Enfield is to remove his residence to Burlington, Vt., is regarded significant as possibly greatly affecting the commercial interests of the towns of Enfield and Lebanon.

Mr. Whitney, who was a member of the last state senate and who has been conspicuously identified with the horse racing and athletic sports in New England, is superintendent of two large woolen mills owned by the trust, located one in each of the towns named. Both have been closed for some time by reason, as stated, of overproduction. There has been an unofficial report that the Massena mills at Lebanon would not again resume operations, and the fact that Mr. Whitney is to leave the state causes much apprehension in the north country concerning the future of the Enfield mill.

## Whitney Buys Burlington Home.

Burlington, Oct. 30.—George E. Whitney will make home for the future in this city having leased one of the city's finest residences overlooking Lake Champlain. Mr. Whitney is superintendent of the American Woolen Company's mills at both Enfield and Lebanon, N. H.

Both plants have been closed for some time because of overproduction, and many believe that they will not be opened again, but that the equipment will be transferred to Burlington.

## OVER 40 IN WINDHAM COUNTY.

Final Records Show a Surprisingly Large Number of Deer Shot.

Brattleboro, Oct. 31.—The open season for hunting deer in Vermont closes today. The result will in Windham county be surprising, as the final returns will show over 40 animals slain, or twice the number last year, when more were shot than in any previous year. Grafton, as last year, has furnished more exciting sport than any other town, and the number reported as taken there is nine, although particulars have not yet been received. In Windham two bucks and two does have been shot. Londonderry started the season with a record of four animals brought down the first day and two more have fallen since then. In Rookingham a buck was shot the first day, but none has been secured since then.

On account of the scores of outside hunters who have visited Vermont the question is being agitated as to the advisability of amending the game laws so that a license fee of \$15 or \$20 can be collected from parties not residents of the state.

## LICENCES IN BRATTLEBORO.

Applications for Four Made to License Commissioners.

Brattleboro, Oct. 31.—The board of license commissioners have received this week four applications for licenses to take the place of those revoked before the Valley Fair. The applicants are: R. L. Shea, C. C. Turner, and George H. Danyew. Mr. Shea at present has a shoe store in the city building. He asks for first and second class licenses. He does not intend to put in a lunch department but to run a straight bar. Mr. Turner wants a first class license to do business in the American house, where he is now employed, and Mr. Danyew wants a first class license to sell in the Brattleboro house. The commissioners will give a public hearing on the applications two weeks from tonight in the selectman's room in the town hall building. If licenses are granted they will be for the unexpired time for which the others were granted, and the charge will be pro rata.

## RUTLAND R. R. DIRECTORS.

Elected Yesterday Afternoon at Stockholders' Meeting.

Rutland, Oct. 30.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rutland Railroad company was held at the Clement building in this city this afternoon. There was a good representation of stockholders present. The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Dr. W. Seward Webb of Shelburne, E. V. W. Rossiter, Samuel R. Callaway, Chauncey M. Depew and J. A. Burden, Jr., of New York, H. H. Powers of Morrisville, Fletcher D. Proctor of Proctor, John W. Stewart of Middlebury, James Lawrence of Grafton, Mass., Perival W. Clement and George T. Jarvis of Rutland, George Ball of Boston and Olin Merrill of Enosburg Falls. The directors will meet for organization at Dr. Webb's office in New York the latter part of next week.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE OFFICERS.

Burlington District Convention Held at Shelburne.

Shelburne, Oct. 30.—These officers were elected today at the meeting of the district Epworth League convention: President, N. L. Ball of Ferrisburg; vice president, Mrs. W. R. White of North Bennington; Mrs. John Duffield of Rutland; Miss Addie Wright of Burlington; Mrs. C. M. Carpenter of Brandon; secretary and treasurer, the Rev. R. L. Thompson of Brandon; junior league superintendent, Mrs. J. M. Appleman of Hinesburg; executive committee, the Rev. J. E. Mead of Burlington, the Rev. G. W. Brown of Rutland, the Rev. H. A. Wood of Vergennes; delegates to the Anti-Saloon League convention at Washington, the Rev. H. A. Wood of Vergennes, F. C. Dyer of Salisbury.

## PARRY IS PRESIDENT.

Heads Citizens Industrial Association.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—With the election of D. M. Parry of Illinois as president of the Citizens' Industrial Association of America was completed last night. The organization is national in scope and includes representative manufacturers, tradesmen, other employers of labor, local general organizations and citizens alliances, having among other things as its object in the dealing with the labor problem in all its phases.

PARKS GUILTY  
SECOND TIMETook the Jury Just Twelve  
Minutes.

## HIS CRIME WAS EXTORTION

Accused of Getting \$500 From the  
Tiffany Studios—Proof of Parker's  
Disloyalty to His Union.

New York, Oct. 30.—The jury in the Parks case in at 4:25 with a verdict of guilty. He was remanded until next Friday for sentence. The charge for which Parks was convicted was extortion in having taken \$500 from the Tiffany company for calling off a strike on the new building.

The jury was out only 12 minutes and took two ballots. On the first ballot they stood 11 to 1 in favor of conviction and on the second voted for conviction.

In his charge to the jury Judge Newburger said in part: "You are not here to determine the right of men to organize or of organizations to levy fines or order strikes, but to determine the question, is the defendant guilty of the crime of extortion? There your duty ceases."

## WINOOSKI STATION LOOTED.

Burglars Dynamited Safe and State Mail Pouch.

Winooski, Oct. 31.—The Central Vermont railway station at Winooski was broken into some time during Thursday evening or early Friday morning, the safe dynamited and a pouch of United States mail is among the stolen articles. When the station agent, J. W. DesLauries, opened the express and ticket office about 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning he found the office in general disorder. Books, papers and tickets were strewn all over the office floor, and pieces of express matter were knocked about and one bundle was found to have been opened. Entrance was effected through the front window, overlooking the track.

SLAIN GIRL'S MOTHER  
ATTEMPTED SUICIDEReported That Mrs. Bechtel Was Pre-  
vented By Her Youngest  
Daughter.

Allentown, Pa., Oct. 31.—Half crazed by the brutal murder in her own home of her pretty daughter, Mabel, Mrs. Catherine Bechtel has attempted to commit suicide by taking poison, according to a statement made to a New York Journal reporter by a neighbor.

Mrs. Bechtel was prevented from carrying out her purpose by her youngest daughter, Martha, who snatched the poison from her mother's hands and threw it into a fire.

The rumor that Mrs. Bechtel had attempted suicide spread throughout the neighborhood, and a great crowd collected in front of the Bechtel home.

It was said that Mrs. Bechtel, after weeping convulsively all the morning suddenly rushed to a cupboard and seized the box of poison.

Martha and her married sister, Mrs. Emma Davis, were watching their mother. Martha followed her and, divining her purpose, snatched the poison from her hand. Both daughters then tried to calm Mrs. Bechtel, who was hysterical.

The reporter called at the house and asked Emma if the report was true. "Mother is all right," replied Emma. "although she is nearly crazy with grief. When she hears of Tom's death I am afraid she will lose her mind."

Daughter Denies Report.

"If the neighbors say she tried to commit suicide, they lie. She does not know what she is doing half the time, but Martha and I never leave her side."

Mrs. Bechtel will be placed on the stand when the inquest is resumed. District Attorney E. J. Lichtenwain will question her, and it is his intention to break to her the news of the suicide of her son, which her family has withheld.

DIED AT AGE  
OF 102 YEARSMrs. Axie Allen of Stowe  
Died Yesterday.

## WAS BORN IN WATERBURY

She Was the Oldest Woman in La-  
moille County and Probably Old-  
est in the State.

Stowe, Oct. 31.—Mrs. Axie Allen, the oldest woman in Lamoille county and probably the oldest in the state, died at her home here yesterday, from a general wearing out of her system. She was born in the town of Waterbury, and has few relatives surviving.

## A GRANGE ORGANIZED.

East Montpelier Branch Starts Off With 57 Members.

East Montpelier, Oct. 31.—A grange was organized at the village hall last evening, by State Master G. J. Bell with a membership of 57. The state master was assisted by Mr. Dow of Hardwick, the assistant state master.

The following officers were elected and installed: Master, H. M. Farnham; overseer, George H. Clark; lecturer, Mrs. J. R. Young; steward, A. G. White; chaplain, Mrs. Austin Foster; treasurer, L. D. Coburn; secretary, C. P. McKnight; gate keeper, Harry Vincent; Ceres, Mrs. H. M. Farnham; Pomona, Mrs. Henry Kelton; Flora, Mrs. J. F. Robbins; lady assistant steward, Mrs. G. H. Clark.

## CONCERT PROGRAMME

To Be Presented by the Sturtevant Sisters Concert Co.

At the Universalist vestry Tuesday evening the Sturtevant Sisters Concert Company will present the following programme under the auspices of the Goddard Seminary Athletic Association:

Diets. The Bluebird. Composed by Florence Sturtevant. Allston Lang. (a) Like Violets Pale, Allston Lang. (b) Maymornen, Alice Sturtevant. Robert Barr. Gentlemen, The King, Mr. Potter. Burns Dekoven. (a) Bonnie Doon, Mr. Potter. Burns Dekoven. (b) My Nightingale, Florence Sturtevant. Schira. Signal, Alice Sturtevant. Trowbridge. Aunt Molly on Boys, (by request) Mr. Potter. Arditi. To be volar, Florence Sturtevant. Schinbert. Serenade, Alice Sturtevant. Weatherly. (a) She Liked Him Vail Well. Weatherly. (b) The Holy City, Mr. Potter. Weatherly. (c) An Old Played-Out Song, Mr. Potter. Weatherly. Duet, Over the Heather, Sweet Dreams, Blischoff. Good Night, Sweet Dreams, Blischoff. Florence Sturtevant.

All the participants are well known in Barre having been students at the seminary. One-half the receipts go to the company. Admission, 25 cents.

## TRYING TO ENFORCE PAYMENT.

R. M. Smythe Sues Central Vermont for 1872 Bonds.

Montpelier, Oct. 31.—A hearing in chancery was held today before Judge John H. Watson in the suit of Roland M. Smythe vs. the Central Vermont R. R. Co. The orator seeks to enforce payment of five bonds, each of \$1,000, with interest at 8 per cent, they being of the 1872 series of the trustees and manager of the Central Vermont & Canada R. R., payable in 30 years.

H. R. Bailey of Boston and H. C. Royce of St. Albans argued for the orator and W. B. C. Stickney and C. W. Witters for the defendant. No decision was given.

## SEEKING ALLEGED FORGER.

Barton National Bank Would Like to Find a Certain Jewish Peddler.

St. Albans, Oct. 30.—Cashier William Blaisdell of the Barton National bank and Sheriff L. D. Mills of Orleans county were in the city today on a man hunt, the quarry being a Jewish peddler, who is known as Nathan Goldson and who is wanted in Barton for forgery.

## BRAKEMAN LOSES A LEG.

Frank Myatt Fell Under a Train at Brandon.

Brandon, Oct. 30.—A sad accident occurred at the Brandon railroad station this morning at 9 o'clock when Frank Myatt of North Ferrisburg, a brakeman on the southbound freight, lost a leg. The train was being made up and was about to make the Brandon Italian siding.

## MANY BUCKS KILLED.

In Middlesex Ten and in Stowe, Eleven.

Montpelier, Oct. 31.—J. A. Chapin of Middlesex, game warden, reports that nine bucks have been shot in his town legally and one doe and one buck illegally. In Stowe eleven bucks have been shot and no does. In Waterbury two does have been shot.

THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS  
OF WEDDED LIFEFriends of Mr. and Mrs. Warren F.  
Richardson Surprise Them on Their  
Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren F. Richardson of Camp street were a most thoroughly surprised couple last evening, when they entered their own home to find some 70 friends and neighbors in possession.

The occasion was the 38th anniversary of their marriage and Mr. and Mrs. Richardson had been asked over to the home of their son-in-law, Fritz W. Jackson, for a little Halloween party and while waiting for other arrivals, Ailie Richardson came over and informed Mr. Richardson a number of men were hanging around the front of the house and to come home at once. Mr. Richardson waited not on the order of his going, but hurried off, followed by Mrs. Richardson, and both walked into their house to find it crowded.

The guests present included the members of the Over the Teacups club and their husbands, relatives and neighbors. When Mr. and Mrs. Richardson had been duly congratulated, Rev. Ellis K. M. Jones, with fitting remarks, presented them with several valuable articles of silverware and also a purse of money. Both Mr. and Mrs. Richardson responded and thanked their friends for the kindly remembrances.

Refreshments were served after which the party broke up, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Richardson many more happy wedding anniversaries. The success of the surprise was largely due to Mrs. E. N. Prescott, Mrs. Mason Page and Mrs. W. H. Holmington, who made all the arrangements.

## C. L. U. ELECTION.

Almost Entire Old Board Returned to Office.

There was a large attendance at the Barre Central Labor Union meeting last evening when the following officers were elected to serve during the next six months: B. F. Hooley, president; D. A. Cook, vice president; C. C. Ramsdell, recording and financial secretary; C. S. Wallace, treasurer; Timothy Ivers, sergeant-at-arms; C. Griswold, G. C. Hill and Dwight Foster, auditors; H. F. Cheney, Mr. Moore and C. J. Allen, executive board.

## HALLOW'EEN SOCIAL.

Y. F. C. U. of Universalist Church Gave a Party.

The Y. F. C. U. of the Universalist church held an enjoyable Halloween social at the church last evening. There were about 125 persons present.

The vestry was very prettily decorated with evergreen, corn stalks and colored lights. Several easy corners were nicely arranged and many games characteristic of the occasion were played and marionettes were enjoyed. Cake and coffee were served.

The coffee served, the California brand, was furnished by L. A. Averill.

## ENTERTAINED THEIR FRIENDS.

Pleasant Party at Home of Miss Bessie Whitcomb.

Misses Eva Kennedy and Bessie Whitcomb entertained about 40 of their friends at the latter's home on North Main street last evening with a Halloween party. A large number of unique games were played and a most pleasant evening was passed. A turkey supper was served.

## THE CHURCH FIELD.

Sunday Services and Social Events of the Week.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning Mr. Mitchell will preach morning and evening.

The pastor of the Baptist church will conduct the usual service Sunday. Subject for the morning sermon, "Privileges of the Godly;" evening subject, "Christ at the Door."

Christian Science services are held in Nichols' block Sunday at 10:45 a. m. and Wednesday evening at 7:45. The reading room is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2 to 4 o'clock.

At the Universalist church tomorrow morning the pastor will speak on the general convention just closed at Washington, D. C. Her evening subject will be "Present Day Religious Trends." All the auxiliary services as usual. At 5:30 p. m. the officers of the Y. F. C. U. will be installed. All are cordially invited to these services.

Church of the Good Shepherd: Holy Communion (save on the first Sunday in the month) at 9:45 a. m.; first Sunday in the month, 10:30 a. m.; service and sermon each Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.; service Friday evening at 7 p. m.; special service on great feast days and all Saint's days a 10 a. m.

Hedding M. E. church, Rev. H. F. Lowe pastor, Sunday, Nov. 1: Love Feast at 10; sermon and communion, 10:30; Bible school, 12; Epworth League, 8:45; evening worship, 7, with a sermon on "The Evolution of Sin," anthem by chorus choir, "I Will Sing of the Mercies," by J. H. Filmore.

## New Magazines.

The Century has a very strong list of announcements for the coming year, including several serials which are to attract wide-spread attention. One of them is a daring piece of historical writing entitled, "The Youth of Washington, Told in the Form of an Autobiography," by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, author of "Hugh Wynne," etc. Dr. Mitchell imagines Washington sitting down at Mt. Vernon in his old age and recording this story of his "youthful life and the influences that affected it for good or ill." Readers of the manuscript say that it gives one a new and vivid sense of the personality of Washington.

SPAULDING  
TOOK GAMEDefeated Randolph High  
School Eleven.

## BY THE SCORE OF 8 TO 0

Went Over the Line For Another  
Touchdown But Ball Was  
Fumbled.

In an interesting game of foot ball yesterday afternoon on the Goddard gridiron the Spaulding high school eleven defeated the Randolph high school team by a score of 8 to 0. The teams were quite evenly matched in weight, but it was an easy victory for the Spaulding boys who were able to make long gains at will around the visitors' ends and through their line.

Both teams were handicapped by the large crowd which gathered around them as a play could not be started until the crowd was moved back.

Two fifteen minute halves were played and Spaulding made her scores, a safety, touchdown and goal, in the first half. The local boys lost a touchdown in the last half on a fumble. Carswell, after repeated line rushes with good gains carried the pigskin over the line but as he went down in the bunch he lost the ball and one of the Randolph boys got it.

The ball was then taken in to the 25 yard line and punted off by Randolph. Spaulding received the ball near the center of the field and after one rush Carswell punted 25 yards and Goodhart received the ball. Goodhart made a sensational run for 30 yards but was taken back 15 yards for running over the inside line.

After three attempts by Randolph to gain their distance the ball went to the home team on downs just as time was called. Goodhart and Fairbanks played a fine game for the visitors and Carswell, Ayers and Reid were the stars for Spaulding.

At the start Spaulding kicked off to the visitors 15 yard line where the ball was downed. Randolph rushed twice losing five yards each time and the third time Fairbanks started with the ball but was tackled way behind the line by Barber who pulled him over the goal line for a safety. Score 2 to 0.

Randolph kicked to Ayers who made a good gain. Carswell, Reid and Perry then made 10 and 15 yard gains, carrying the ball to the visitors' 45 yard line where they lost it on a fumble. Randolph rushed it back to the center of the field where the ball went back to Spaulding on downs. The home team then rushed steadily down the field and Carswell was sent over the line for a touchdown. He also kicked off. Score 8 to 0.

With only 20 seconds more of play in this half the visitors kicked off and time was called just as the ball was downed.

The line up:

Spaulding.	Randolph.
Waterman	Conolly
Hayden	Jard
Darling	Twitche
Barber	Hayward
Beach	Morrill
Jennings	Pierce
Dumbrouskie	Rennie
Reid	Holman
Carswell	Fairbanks
Perry	Huse
Ayers	Goodart
Umpire, Nixon; Referee, Cannell; Halves, fifteen minutes; Line-men, Creed, Knapp.	

## NEW LADIES' RECORD.

Miss Lucia of Montpelier Played Golf Course in 46.

The weekly tournament of the ladies of the Barre Golf club yesterday afternoon was won by Miss Rose Lucia, who established a new ladies' record for the course, making the nine holes in 46 strokes. Miss Adams was second with a net score of 48 and Mrs. L. B. Dodge third with a net score of 49.

A tie between Miss Worthen and Miss Perry, from a previous contest, was won by the former. There is a postponed match to be played off next week. Miss Worthen and Mrs. L. B. Dodge are tied for the first honors with four wins each.

## QUARTERLY EXAMINATION.

Police Officers Interrogated on Workings of License Law.

The board of license commissioners held their quarterly examination of the city police, constables and sheriffs, for information as to the workings of the license law at the council chambers yesterday afternoon, when considerable information was secured. It was the testimony of the police that licensees were using commendable efforts to conduct their places in accordance to the law, and the fact was brought out that only two or three arrests had been made on Sunday since the law went into effect. Another interesting piece of information was that there has been much less drunkenness on the street cars under license than under the old law.

## K. of C. Private Dance.

The Knights of Columbus held a private dance in the K. of P. hall last evening, which was attended by about 25 couples. Four pieces of Wilder's orchestra furnished music and a very enjoyable time was had by all.